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SETTIING UP OF MINERAL BASED PLANTS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mineral-based plants in the country at present, location-wise;

(b) whether there is a scope to set up good-number of mineral-based units in the country during the Tenth Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details of the mineral-based plants proposed to be set up in various States and particularly in Orissa?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a): India produces 64 minerals (minerals other than minor minerals defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957) including 4 fuel minerals, 10 metallic minerals and 50 non-metallic minerals spread over various states of India. Minerals are vital raw materials for many basic industries and a major input in industrial development. Further, the same minerals can be used in more than one industry and the Central Government does not have details of such mineral based plants, location-wise. Broad indications regarding some of the existing mineral based industries are periodically published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of the Ministry of Mines in their Publication` Indian Mineral Yearbook`,copies of which are placed regularly in the Parliament Library.

(b) & (c): Setting up of mineral-based industries inter alia depends upon availability of the minerals, along with adequate infrastructure support, assessment of market potential of the industrial product, and investor friendly policy and procedures adopted by the Government, both in the Center and in the State concerned. No industrial license is necessary to set up any mineral based industry, and any entrepreneur is free to set up any such industry in any State of India, including in Orissa, and no targets for the same have been prescribed for the Tenth Plan period.